



BRIDGE Mission Program

Summer 2019

Hello BRIDGE Group Leaders!

We are excited to welcome you this SUMMER to participate in the BRIDGE Mission Program. We pray that this will be a transformational week of mission, fellowship, and fun for everyone!

This packet includes important information that will help you prepare for and enjoy the week ahead. In addition to general information about our time together you will also find several forms that will need to be signed and brought with you to the church on Sunday night.

Specific information and forms included in this packet are:

General information:

- Directions to SSPC
- Arrival and Departure times
- Packing list
- Reservation and cancellation policy
- Facilities described and photos
- Description of mission sites

Forms to Sign AND BRING:

- BRIDGE Mission Program Covenant
- Participant Waiver
- Emergency Waiver
- Photography Waiver

We look forward to seeing you and checking in by 9:00PM Sunday. Please remember to eat dinner on the road before arriving at the church. After orientation and some group time together, we will aim to get a good night's rest so we can have enough energy for a day of service!

General Information
BRIDGE Mission Program Summer 2019

Mission Statement: BRIDGE (Building Relationships, Inspiring Diversity, Grace and Ecology) is an adventure in mission and ministry that enables students to build relationships with Jesus Christ, fellow participants, and new friends in faith while experiencing and inspiring diversity, grace, and ecology. Over the course of five days, students will be engaged and immersed in real ministry around Glynn County, including days for learning and practicing earth care in the natural beauty of Georgia's coast.

Program Location / Contact Information:

Church Address:
205 KingsWay
Saint Simons Island, Georgia
31522

Directions to SSPC

Arrive at SSPC after crossing the F.J. Torras Causeway connecting Brunswick to St. Simons Island. As you drive onto the island, stay in the right lane and follow directions to KingsWay & the Village. Continue straight approximately 1.8 miles.

St. Simons Presbyterian is located on the left hand side of the road, just beyond the airport runway. Turn LEFT onto Delegal Street and continue till you see the playground and BRIDGE Banner.

Church Office Phone: 912-638-2220

BRIDGE Director, Madelynne Risi: 912-266-2220

Arrival and Departure Times

Arrival: The church will be expecting you by 9:00pm on Sunday night. Remember to eat a meal on the road as there will be no dinner at the church on Sunday.

Departure: Participants will leave after they have cleaned up the YouthSuit space on Friday morning and have enjoyed the closing mornings festivities; no later than 9:30am.

Transportation:

Each group is expected to provide their own transportation and drivers. BRIDGE/SSPC will not provide a driver for any church or rental vehicle.

All BRIDGE groups will be provided a Cooler to store packed lunches every day in their vehicle as well as additional space for other items (tools, food, water etc) - please keep this in mind as well as you are planning out the size of your transportation vehicle.

Food and Meals:

PLEASE NOTE: If a group participants have food allergies, specific food needs, (or are vegan, vegetarian, gluten free) **we do ask that participants bring their own food to supplement the current menu items** (if desired).

BRIDGE will not provide additional food items. There will be adequate kitchen space for individuals to prepare supplemental food items during their stay on campus.

Breakfast will be provided in the mornings before we part for mission sites. Participants will pack their own sandwich, chips and such for lunch to take with them during the day. A wonderful hot dinner will be cooked at a congregation members home one night during the week.

******(Group leaders will receive a detailed menu 1 month out from trip)******

Facility Photos



Facility Descriptions

BRIDGE Program shares our Youth Suite space with the youth program at SSPC. This space is outfitted with a full kitchen, two Sunday school rooms (used as male and female sleeping area), male and female bathrooms (both with showers), a handicap bathroom as well as a game room.

You are allowed to bring any personal, off time snacks and drinks for your group and/ or leaders. Please know that NO food or drinks, with the exception of water, are allowed in the sleeping areas.

We ask that the entire group fit into the appropriate sleeping rooms and not use the game space for sleeping. Please keep this in mind while selecting air mattress size.

You are the only group that will be in the Youth space during your weekend stay here; however, we ask that whenever you leave the space you lock the doors with all personal belongings in the sleeping areas as for security reasons.

Leaders will be given a key upon their arrival that works for exterior doors and sleeping rooms. Please keep up with these keys as you may not always have a program leader to let you in.

Because of the nature of the work at BRIDGE participants are doing and the requirements of the work sites, all participants must adhere to the rules regarding work clothes (i.e. shirts with sleeves, closed toe sturdy shoes, and long shorts and/or pants. Our service sites take dress code VERY SERIOUSLY, so please be prepared or you will be unable to participate. Please note that this dress code is not required during free time or evening programming. If you have questions, please ask us BEFORE you come. Thank you!

General

- Bible
- Personal medicine (inhaler, epic-pen, daily medications)
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Toiletries (shower shoes, soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, hair brush etc)
- Washcloth & towels (both bath and beach towels)
- Refillable water bottle

Sleeping

- Sleeping bag and/linens
- A single size (TWIN SIZE) air mattress/ sleeping pad/cot is highly recommended as the floors are hard. Please note that BRIDGE does not have sleeping bags, mattresses etc. on site - participants must bring their own.
- Pillow

Non-work Clothing:

- Undergarments
- Sleep ware
- Appropriate casual clothes for non-work times
- Rain gear
- Flip flops / beach shoes
- Ball cap

Clothing (Work Sites)

- Clothes and close-toed shoes should be ones that can get dirty, sweaty, stained, painted etc
- At least one pair of long pants
- Long shorts (minimum 4" inseam)
- One long sleeve shirt
- Shoes and socks: closed-toe, from shoes for work worn with socks (no Texas, crocs, chacos, birks, flats or flip-flops at most mission sites)
- Swimsuit
- Work gloves

Optional Items

- Frisbees, board games, cards, appropriate reading material, etc.
- Sunglasses
- Spending money (encouraged to bring extra money for snacks and exploring at Pier area.
- Cell phone (cannot be used at worksites, meals, or group devotion/fellowship time)

Items NOT to bring

- Alcohol or drugs
- Electronic computer games or consoles
- Fire crackers
- Irreplaceable or valuable clothing, jewelry, electronics
- Lots of \$\$\$\$

POICIES

Payment Due Dates and Policies:

Registration Fee: \$50 per participant due with registration form

Second payment: Half of remaining balance is due **May 20, 2019**

Final payment: Final payment and group roster are **due 2 weeks prior to start of your visit.**

Security deposit: \$100 deposit is due upon arrival at SSPC. Money will be deducted from the security deposit for lost keys or damage to facilities or equipment.

Cancellation Policy:

If your group must cancel, payments paid up to May 20, 2019 will not be refunded,

Please be aware that we put a great deal of time and effort into planning each week of the program. Holding a spot for your group means that we are taking an available time in which another group would not be able to come. If another group requests the same dates you have tentatively selected, we will notify you and you will have two weeks to turn in your initial deposit to hold your spot.

Security Deposit

Please include with you as you arrive a separate payment for \$100.00 to serve as a security deposit during your trip. Money will be deducted from the security deposit if the following occurs: keys are lost, damage to facilities or equipment.

ADULT / YOUTH RATIO AND POLICY

Youth must have completed one semester of college.

- Ratio: 1 adult leader per group
- Must have a group leader in attendance even if college students are over 21 years of age
- If there is a married couple or couple is related, the count as 1 adult leader on the trip. (According to our child protection policy, since married couples cannot testify against each other.)

BRIDGE Mission Program
Participant Covenant

All youth and adult participants must sign the BRIDGE Mission Program covenant. Please check each box to indicate your commitment to abide by the BRIDGE covenant:

- I am a child of God and therefore, will treat others as children of God, too. I will be kind, respectful and show the love of Christ to all I meet.
- I understand that I represent my home church and BRIDGE. People also see me as an agent of Jesus' presence and work in the world. Therefore, I will show Christ's love and grace at service sites I visit, at BRIDGE's site, at the dinner site and at all places my group visits. If inappropriate behavior occurs at service sites, participants may be asked to be dismissed from the program and return home early at the church's/school's or parent/guardian's expense.
- I will not bring cell phones, iPods, mp3 players, or any other isolating technology to service sites or use during BRIDGE activities. These items will only be used during free time and/or in agreement with my home group's covenant on these technologies.
- If I am a youth participant, I agree to always be in a pair with another youth while at service sites and all BRIDGE activities. If I am an adult leader, I agree to never be alone with any one youth at any time for any reason.
- I will not give money or identification information such as my address, phone number, or last name to anyone I meet at service sites.
- I understand that the use of and/or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or illegal drugs will not be tolerated under any circumstances. I understand that the use of and/or possession of any medication that you cannot buy over the counter at a drug store and/or have not been prescribed by a doctor to me will not be tolerated under any circumstances. I understand if these substances are found in my possession; emergency contacts will be notified and I will be dismissed from the BRIDGE program immediately.
- I will dress appropriately and according to the BRIDGE worksite dress code requirements.
- I understand that violation of any part of this covenant will result in appropriate actions which may involve calling parent/guardians, emergency contacts or in extreme cases, being dismissed from the BRIDGE program. If a young person must be sent home early, they will be sent home at the expense of the parent/guardian or church/school.

This covenant must be signed by each BRIDGE participant (adult and youth) and the parent/guardians of all youth. Signing the covenant is a commitment to an experience in which God will be a work in your life and in the life of others.

For Adult Participants:

Adult Participant printed name, signature, Date

Emergency Contact and Medical Waiver
BRIDGE Mission Program

Participant Information

Leader / Participant Name: _____
Home Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Phone#: _____ Alternate Phone# _____
Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Phone#: _____ Alternate Phone# _____

In an emergency when parent/guardian cannot be reached, please contact the following:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Home Phone# _____ Cell/Alternate# _____

Health Information

Please Identify any allergies (including food allergies), health problems, medications, or other health related concerns program staff should be aware of:

Medical Insurance and Physician Information

Health Insurance Provider _____ Grp# _____
Policy Holders Name _____ Policy # _____
Pediatrician/Primary Care Physician _____
Phone# _____

Event Waiver And Release

In consideration fo being permitted to utilize the facilities, services and programs of the St. Simons Presbyterian Church, Inc. (or for my children to so participate) for any purpose, including, but not limited to observation or use of facilities or equipment, or participation in programs, the undersigned, for himself or herself and such participating children and any personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin, hereby acknowledges, agrees and represents that he or she has, or immediately upon entering or participating will, inspect and carefully consider such premises and facilities of the affiliated program. It is further warranted that such entry into the facility for observation or use of any facilities or equipment or participation in such affiliated program have been inspected carefully considered and that the undersigned finds and accepts same as being safe and reasonably suited for the purpose of such observation, use or participation by the undersigned and such children. The undersigned is aware of the different types of activities, equipment, and facilities offered by the St. Simons Presbyterian Church, Inc. and Is aware of the risks inherent in the participation insect activities and use of such equipment and facilities. In further consideration of being permitted to enter the facility for any purpose including, but not listed to observation or use of facilities or equipment, or participation in any program affiliated with the St. Simons Presbyterian Church, Inc. the undersigned hereby agrees to the following:

1. The undersigned on his or her behalf and behalf of such children, hereby releases, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue the St. Simons Presbyterian Church, Inc., its directors officers, employees, and agents (hereinafter refers to as "releases") from all liability to the undersigned or such children and all his personal representatives, assigns, heirs and next of kin for any loos or damage, and any claim or demands therefor on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death of the undersigned or such children whether caused by the negligence of the releases or otherwise while the undersigned or such children is in, upon, or about the premises or any facilities or equipment therein or participating in any program affiliated with the St. Simons Presbyterian Church, Inc.
2. The undersigned hereby agrees to indemnify and save the hold harmless the releases and each of them for any, loss, liability, damage or cost they may, incur due to the presence of the undersigned or such children in, upon or about the premises or in any way observing or using any facilities or equipment of the St. Simons Presbyterian Church, Inc. or participating in any program whether caused by the negligence of the releases or otherwise.
3. The undersigned hereby assumes full responsibility for and risk of bodily injury, death or property damage to the undersigned or such children due to the negligence of releases or otherwise while in, about or upon the premises and/or while using the premises or any facilities or equipment thereon or participating in any program affiliated with the St. Simons Presbyterian Church, Inc. The undersigned further expressly agrees that the foregoing release waiver and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Georgia and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. The undersigned has read voluntarily signs the release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement, and further agrees that no oral representations, statements or inducement apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made. This waiver is deemed effective whether submitted with an original signature or via facsimile, email or any other electronic means.

I have read, understand and agree to the above waivers and releases:

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINTED NAME OF PARTICIPANT

Emergency Medical Release and Liability Waiver

This authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment must be completed before participant can participate in any activities. Treatment for injury will be based on information provided herein.

DISCLAIMER

St. Simons Presbyterian Church, Inc. and its leaders, directors, officers, employees, contractors, agents, volunteers, members and representatives (collectively referred to as "St. Simons Presbyterian Church, Inc." or "SSPC"), are not responsible for any injury, loss or damage of any kind whatsoever sustained by any person or their property while participating in events, activities or travel with SSPC and all related activities associated with SSPC, including injury, loss or damage.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

IN CONSIDERATION OF SSPC allowing me or my child to participate in events, activities, or travel with SSPC and all related activities associated with the SSPC, including participation in the BRIDGE Mission Program and all activities related to the BRIDGE Mission (collectively referred to as the "Activities"), I acknowledge that I am aware of the possible Risks, Dangers and Hazards associated with participation in the Activities including the possible risk of severe or fatal injury to myself or others.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY and AGREEMENT

IN CONSIDERATION OF SSPC allowing me or my child to participate in the Activities, I agree on behalf of myself and/or my child:

1. TO ASSUME and ACCEPT ALL RISKS arising out of associated with, or related to my or my child's participation in the Activities.
2. TO WAIVE and RELEASE SSPC from any and all liability for any loss, damage, injury or expense that I or my child may suffer, or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my or my child's participation in the activities due to any cause whatsoever.
3. TO INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS SSPC from any and all liability for any damage to the person property of, or personal injury to, any third party resulting from my or my child's participation in the activities.
4. TO INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS SSPC from any and all claims, demands, actions and costs for any loss, injury, damage or expense whatsoever that might arise out of my or my child's participation in the Activities.

YOUTH PARTICIPANT CONSENT

Acknowledgement of Participant:

I, the undersigned Participant, understand that I am responsible to act in a safe and responsible fashion, to follow the instructions or directions of the person in charge of the BRIDGE Mission, and to obey requests to comply with safety regulations as directed by the persons in charge of the BRIDGE Mission, including designated leaders and drivers of private or public transportation. I will be solely responsible for myself, will wear a seat-belt when available and will not disturb or distract the driver when using private or public transportation to travel to and from BRIDGE Mission activities. AT all BRIDGE Mission sports events or other activities, I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to obtain and wear appropriate safety equipment. I will not endanger the safety of others or myself at any Activities, outings or sports events of the BRIDGE Mission or when using private or public transportation for travel to and from such activities. I also understand that I may be photographed or appear in video or such purposes as SSPC deems necessary.

Acknowledgement of Parent of Guardian of Participant:

We, the undersigned Parents of Guardians of the Participant, hereby authorize and consent to the Participant's involvement in the BRIDGE Mission, including any use of private or public transportation deemed necessary by the persons in charge of the BRIDGE Mission for Participant travel to and from BRIDGE Mission activities, or to the NEAREST SUITABLE MEDICAL or HOSPITAL FACILITY in the event that emergency or other medical treatment is not available at the site of a BRIDGE Mission activity is deemed advisable. We hereby consent to and authorize such emergency or other medical treatment of the Participant as Amy be deemed advisable in the event of accident, injury, or illness during the activities of the BRIDGE Mission.

Photography Consent Form/Release

I, (print parent/guardian name) _____, hereby grant permission to SSPC and its representatives to take and use: photographs and/or digital images of me and/or my child for use at SSPC activities, in news releases, Facebook pages related to SSPC church and youth ministries, PowerPoint slide presentations, and/or promotional material. There materials might include printed or electronic publications, websites, or other electronic communications. I further agree that my child's name and identity may be revealed in descriptive text or commentary in connection with the image(s). I authorize the use of this images without compensation to me. All negatives, prints, digital reproductions shall be the property of SSPC representative. I also understand that the participant may be photographed or appear in video for such purposes as SSPC deems necessary.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT and SIGNATURE

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A LEGAL AGREEMENT that is binding upon myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE TEARMS OF THIS AGREEMENT and I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT by signing this agreement voluntarily, I am agreeing to abide by its terms and I am waiving certain legal rights that my child or I may have. This waiver is deemed effective whether submitted with an original signature or via facsimile, email or any other electronic means. This Consent, Authorization and Acknowledgement shall be effective for the duration of the BRIDGE Mission Program.

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE / DATE

PRINTED NAME OF PARTICIPANT